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- 1. IMPERIAL DECREE JULY 14 ANNOUNCED DISSOLUTION OF GOVERNMENT FORMED BY PRIME MINISTER HATASSE DEC 14, 1976, AND APPOINTMENT OF HENRI MAIDOU AS PRIME MINISTER. MAIDOU, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING PRIME MINISTER SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF PATASSE FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION IN EUROPE MAY 3, IS EXPECTED TO FORM HIS CABINET IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- 2. COMMENT: THE CHANGE IS LOGICAL AND COMES JUST TWO DAYS AFTER EMPEROR BOKASUA'S RETURN FROM ALMOST TWO MONTHS IN EUROPE. PATASSE WAS ILL AND REPORTEDLY WANTED TO RESIGN. MAIDOU WAS A CAPABLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SERVED EFFECTIVELY AS ACTING PRIME MINISTER. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW WELL HE WILL FUNCTION AS PRIME MINISTER OVER A PERIOD OF TIME WITH THE HEAVY PRESSURES WHICH OCCUR WHEN BOKESSA IS IN THE COUNTRY.

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